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Revised estimates arising in respect of Security Council resolution 1660 (2006) on the appointment of reserve judges at the International Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates arising in respect of Security Council resolution 1660 (2006) on the appointment of reserve judges at the International Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (A/60/844). During its consideration of the report, the Committee met with a representative of the Secretary-General, who provided additional information and clarification.

2. By its resolution 1660 (2006) of 28 February 2006, the Security Council decided to amend articles 12 and 13 quater of the Statute of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia thereby authorizing the Secretary-General, at the request of the President, to appoint reserve judges from among the ad litem judges elected in accordance with article 13 ter to be present at each stage of a trial to which they have been appointed and to replace a judge if that judge is unable to continue sitting.

3. As indicated in the report of the Secretary-General, it is estimated that additional requirements in connection with the appointment of up to three reserve judges at the International Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia for the biennium 2006-2007 would amount to $896,600. The Secretary-General also indicates that every effort will be made to meet the additional requirements within the current appropriation, and the actual expenditures will be reported in the context of the second performance report for the biennium 2006-2007.

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4. The Advisory Committee notes from paragraph 10 of the report that the additional resource requirements of $896,600 would arise in connection with compensation for three reserve judges as follows: (a) judges' salaries ($807,800) based upon 57 work months (one reserve judge as from April 2006 and the remaining two reserve judges from July 2006); and (b) common costs of judges ($88,800) to cover relocation and installation allowances for all three reserve judges. The Tribunal anticipates that other requirements, such as office space, equipment and legal and secretarial support for the reserve judges, could be met from the Tribunal's existing resources.

5. The Advisory Committee enquired as to whether the closure of the Milosevic case had been taken into account in making the proposal for reserve judges. The Committee was informed that following the death of Mr. Milosevic, the judges of the relevant trials section were reassigned to another case and the closure of the Milosevic case had no impact on the need for reserve judges.

6. **The Advisory Committee recommends that the General Assembly take note of the report of the Secretary-General and request him to submit any additional requirements that might arise from the appointment of the three reserve judges in the context of the second performance report for the biennium 2006-2007.**